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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, VT, CZ
SUBJECT: VATICAN CZECHOSLOVAKIAN RELATIONS -- TALKS POSTPONED UNTIL
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REF: ROME 0508, PRAGUE 0080

1. VATICAN OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT VATICAN/CZECHOSLOVAKIAN (GOC) TALKS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN EARLY APRIL WHEN VATICAN DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO MAKE TRIP TO PRAGUE. SUBJECT OF TALKS WILL BE FURTHER STEPS IN IMPROVING THE STATUS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND OUR VATICAN SOURCES TOLD US THAT VATICAN IS HOPEFUL OF FURTHER PROGRESS.

2. BISHOP OF TRNAVA GABRIS WILL BE MADE ARCHBISHOP IN NEWLY ESTABLISHED PROVINCE WITH SEAT IN TRNAVA. THE BISHOP, DESPITE HIS REFUSAL OF GOC REQUEST TO AMEND HIS STATEMENTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL SYNOD OF BISHOPS (NOVEMBER 1977, ROME 0508) REGARDING THE LACK OF FULL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IS NOT IN ANY DIFFICULTY. BISHOP APPARENTLY IS GETTING SOME PROTECTION FROM FACT THAT HE HAD KNOWN HUSAK DURING THEIR UNIVERSITY DAYS AND ALSO, PERHAPS, THROUGH SOME TYPE OF COLLABORATION
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BETWEEN THE TWO DURING THE WORLD WAR II RESISTANCE TO THE NAZIS.

3. COMMENT: VATICAN EXPRESSED RELIEF THAT GOC DID NOT SUGGEST HOLDING TALKS IN LATE FEBRUARY, WHICH THE VATICAN WOULD HAVE HAD TO REJECT BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT WANT TO HAVE A VATICAN DELEGATION PRESENT IN PRAGUE

WHILE THE COMMUNISTS WERE CELEBRATING THE 30TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR TAKEOVER OF POWER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.HOLMES

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